

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 110042005), dated November 8, 2005 and supplemental to the response filed on August 19, 2005 to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 03152005). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, and the amendments and remarks set forth in the amendment and response filed on August 19, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Specification Amendments

The Specification has been further amended in the Brief Description of the Drawings to correct formal errors and to better disclose and describe the features of the present invention. Entry of the amendments to the Specification is respectfully requested.

Formal Objection

The amendment and response filed on August 19, 2005 was considered to be non-compliant under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 in that the Brief Description of the Drawings was not amended so as to correspond with the amended figure numbers. In response, the Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended, as previously set forth herein, to correspond to the amended figure numbers for Figures 7(i) to 7(ix) and for Figures 15(1) to 15(5).

Therefore, withdrawal of determination of non-compliance in relation to the amendment and response filed on August 19, 2005, and entry and consideration of the amendment and response filed on August 19, 2005, are respectfully requested.

Also, in view of the amendment and response filed on August 19, 2005, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 2 respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

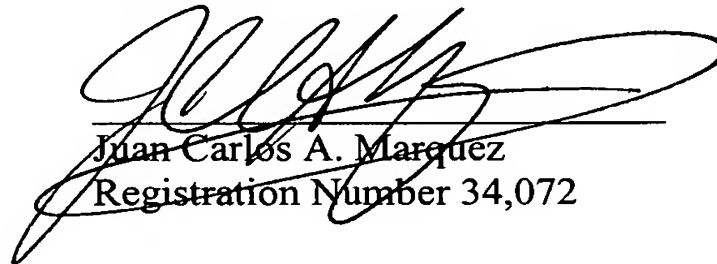
Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 2, consideration and allowance of new Claims 8 through 10, and consideration of withdrawn Claims 3 through 7, are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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